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SUBJECT: MARIE SULSKIENE (KUDIRKA)

REF: MOSCOW 6043 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN RESPONSE OUR EMBASSY TELEGRAM TO SULSKIENE ASKING WHY SHE HAS NOT VISITED EMBASSY TO DATE, HER INTERMEDIARY SERGEI KOVALEV (MOSCOW 4069) TELEPHONED CONSOFF AFTER COB APRIL 30 TO GIVE STATUS REPORT THIS CASE. KOVALEV SAID SULSKIENE AND INTERPRETER WERE INTERCEPTED (PRESUMABLY BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES) AT VILNIUS TRAIN STATION LAST WEEK AND WERE REFUSED TICKETS TO MOSCOW. INTERPRETER WAS REPORTEDLY WARNED AGAINST ANY CONTACT WITH EMBASSY, WHILE SULSKIENE WAS TOLD THAT SHE COULD TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AND VISIT EMBASSY "AFTER THE HOLIDAYS."

2. KOVALEV ALSO REPORTED THAT VILNIUS OVIR (ONLY OVIR OFFICE IN LITHUANIA) TURNED SULSKIENE AWAY WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION AND ADVISED THAT SHE APPLY INSTEAD TO HER LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES. KOVALEV DID NOT KNOW WHETHER LATTER ACCEPTED SULSKIENE'S APPLICATION.

3. KOVALEV SAID HE WOULD CALL AFTER MAY DAY HOLIDAY TO GIVE FURTHER STATUS REPORT. CONSOFF ADVISED HIM THAT IF SULSKIENE UNABLE FIND ANOTHER INTERPRETER, SHE SHOULD NONETHELESS VISIT EMBASSY AND WE WILL FIND MEANS OF COMMUNICATING AND ESTABLISHING

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HER IDENTITY FOR CITIZENSHIP PURPOSES.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT IF SULSKIENE IS DENIED RIGHT TO VISIT EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER (SHE SPEAKS ONLY LITHUANIAN), THIS WOULD BE VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 4 AND POSSIBLY ARTICLE 12 OF US-USSR CONSULAR CONVENTION.

5. FYI: EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED STATE 088769. FOLLOWING POST-HOLIDAY STATUS REPORT FROM INTERMEDIARY KOVALEV, EMBASSY (IN CONSULTATION WITH CONGEN) WILL ARRANGE CONSULAR VISIT TO VILNIUS IF SULSKIENE REMAINS UNABLE TRAVEL TO MOSCOW. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE KEEP DEPT ADVISED DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.
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